

REMARKS

Applicants sincerely appreciate the continued thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action of December 11, 2008. Applicants particularly appreciate the indication that Claims 9-11 recite allowable subject matter.

In order to expedite allowance of the application and without prejudice to the filing of one or more continuation applications, Applicants have amended Claim 8 to include recitations of allowable Claim 9, cancelled Claim 9, and amended Claims 10 and 11 to depend from Claim 8.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



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